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**LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION**  
**BY TELEGRAPH.**  
**MIDNIGHT DISPATCHES**

From Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, July 5.—There was a terrible conflagration here yesterday. The wind was blowing a gale at the time of the fire. It commenced on Commercial street, and swept over a space of a mile and a half in length, by a quarter of a mile in width, destroying everything in its track. Half of the city is destroyed, including all the business portion, excepting the heaviest business houses. Several churches, all newspapers offices, banks, public buildings, and many private dwellings were destroyed. Fifty houses were blown up in endeavoring to check its progress. The customhouse (fire-proof) escaped. The loss is enormous, and at present not estimated. A thousand tents have been sent to the homeless people. The destruction is so complete, the people can hardly tell where these houses were.

The details of the great fire show a terrible disaster. All newspaper and insurance offices, banks and hotels, eight churches and a convent, schools, lawyer's and insurance offices, valuable libraries, and over seventy prominent business houses in the city were burned, as well as a great number of private dwellings. The estimated number of houses consumed, is two thousand, and loss exceeding ten million dollars. The churches not burned are appropriated to the homeless, and committees are engaged in endeavoring to alleviate the distress of the sufferers. The flames are still troublesome in different parts of the city. Nearly all the hose burst, and several fire engines were used up.

From New York.

NEW YORK, July 5, M.—Gold, 124; exchange, 104 1/10; cotton, dull, at 36 1/2.

The arrival of the steamers Progress from Charleston, Perit from Savannah, and New York from Vera Cruz, with dates of the 22d, state that the black vomit is still raging in that city. There are many deaths among the French troops that evacuated Matamoros. It is believed that Santa Anna was acting in the interests of the church party and expected to be elected President, conditioned upon restoring property to the churches.

Maximilian continued reorganizing and concentrating his troops. Reinforcements have been dispatched to San Luis Potosi, compelled by Liberals moving again to that city.

The celebration at Tammany Hall was largely attended, at which a letter from the President was read, in which he says there can be no more noble work than obliterating the passions and prejudices which retard reconstruction and prevent the restoration of the Union.

In Brooklyn, W. Volz, a painter, deliberately fired a loaded musket into a group of children and wounded two.

Laramie, the alleged absconding French cashier, is under arrest, and on examination for extradition. On Tuesday he induced the Deputy Marshal to enter a hotel, where he was drugged, and Laramie escaped.

Flour heavy; sales 7000 bbls. Southern at \$10.20; wheat, sales 30,000 bush. Milwaukee at \$2.20; corn active, sales 487,000 bushels at \$1.70; beef steady; pork heavy, sales 8000 bbls. at \$32.10 to \$32.45; lard and whiskey dull; turpentine dull at \$2.30; resin heavy at \$3 to \$7.50; gold, 53 1/2; 5.20 s, 103 1/2; 7.30 s, 103 1/2.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Committee of Conference on the Tax Bill reported, fixing the tax on cotton at three cents per pound, and giving railroads and gas companies the right to add their rates to the tax, until the 30th of April, 1867. They agree to leave the income tax unchanged, with the exception of six thousand dollars being retained.

In Washington it is understood that the Southern representatives will soon issue an address to the people of the South, recommending the election of delegates to the Philadelphia Convention. They regard it as highly important that the South should co-operate in that movement, especially as it is understood that the Convention is only for the restoration of the South to the Union, and not for any party purpose.

In the Senate, the bill to repeal an act reintroducing the county of Alexandria into Virginia, was discussed and laid over, and the same disposition made of the bill to pay loyal people in the South for supplies furnished.

The Senate refused to transfer to the Secretary of War supervising or other powers over acts of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, by a vote of twenty-one to twelve.

Nothing of moment transpired in the House, excepting the Tariff bill.

Mr. Spalding, of Ohio, gave notice that after the Tariff bill shall have been disposed of, he would move to call up the resolution reported by the select committee on the Rousseau-Grinnell case.

General Grant desires a large cavalry force to pass through the South to preserve order and maintain civil rights. General Sherman also desires a large force of cavalry to protect the territories and the plains. He wrote to Gen. Grant that without a larger force than is now at his command, he will be unable to suppress Indian outbreaks, or keep open wagon roads toward the Pacific.

Romero, the Mexican Minister, received to-day official news from El Paso

to the 8th of June, and his Cabinet were to leave on the 10th for Chihuahua. It is likely, on hearing of the capture of Matamoros, the troops will be transferred to Monterey.

News received at El Paso from Western Mexico was satisfactory.

The French only held Guzman, Sonora, and Mazatlan, in Sonora.

The American settlers who were captured at Cordova, Mexico, have been released, and reached Vera Cruz in a sad plight.

The rapidly-increasing settlements on the various Indian tribes make them very troublesome.

Since the numbers of applications for pardons are daily diminishing, the clerks of the Pardon Bureau of the Attorney General's office have commenced to prepare the registrations for warrants of pardon for those who have petitions on file in the office under the first, tenth, twelfth and thirteenth exceptions, except those who occupied important positions in the rebel government.

From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, July 5.—The celebration of Independence Day was universal. The shipping and consulates displayed innumerable flags, and the firemen had a grand celebration.

The Western Texas elections repudiate negro suffrage largely.

A large amount of provisions for the Alabama sufferers has arrived and been forwarded.

Continued reports of murder and robbery, by negro troops on Red river, are received.

The total loss by fire at Old Fellows' Hall is upwards of three hundred thousand dollars. The Masonic society offered accommodation to the burned out lodges.

Cotton demand is more general; sales 1000 bales, prices unchanged. Exports, 30 bales. Sterling, 67 1/2. New York exchange, 104 premium. Gold, 51 1/2.

From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, July 5.—The celebration of Independence Day was mostly confined to picnics by private parties. Military Headquarters were illuminated, and other public buildings were decorated. A salute was fired but no municipal celebration occurred.

Sales to-day of 164 bbls leaf tobacco at full rates. Flour dull—\$7.75 for superfine, \$8.75 for extra, and family brands \$11 to \$12.50; pork, \$33.25; bacon—shoulders, 17c, clear sides, 22c; lard, 22c; corn, 73c; choice oats, 37c; whiskey, \$2.22.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 5.—Flour and wheat are dull and unchanged; corn, advanced 1c, and more active, 64 1/2c; oats, 40 1/2c; whiskey, unchanged; pork, held at \$33; bulk meats, trending upward—sales of 300,000 pounds, at 15c 1/2; bacon—shoulders, 17c, sides, 19c, clear sides, 20c; lard, dull and nominal; gold, 52 1/2.

A fire at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, yesterday, burned Bryant & Lord's foundry, Nevitt & Major's warehouse, Lewis & Reuter's malt house, Stockman's saw mill, Cheek's ice house, and three private residences.

From Richmond.

RICHMOND, July 5.—Judge Chambers granted an injunction in the case of B. F. Ticklin, Superintendent of the National Express Company, against several Virginia railroads, restraining them from carrying out special transportation contracts with the Adams Express and Southern Express Companies, which excluded all other carriers. It is considered as highly important, as deciding the right of railroads and express companies. The effect of this decision places the National Express Company on as sound footing as those previously named.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 5.—The Conservative State Convention adjourned yesterday. Cotton nominal at 31 1/2c; flour declined 25c 1/2; wheat \$1.85 1/2; corn 65c 1/2; oats 40c 1/2; pork \$33.25; bacon, shoulders 16c; lard firm at 22 1/2c.

From Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, July 5.—Dr. Paul Beck Goddard died to-day, after a brief illness, aged 57.

From Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 5.—Yeungling's drug store was burned yesterday.

The Savannah Herald of Monday says that a freedman, arrested at Macon for the murder of a woman in Wilkinson county, was brought back to the scene of the outrage, and after the mutilation of a portion of his body he was bound to a tree, surrounded by faggots, and burned.

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